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CANADIAN MEDALS OF MILITARY VALOUR

VICTORIA CROSS (CANADIAN)

VC

TERMS



Awarded to members of the Canadian Forces, or of an allied armed force that is serving with, or in conjunction with, the Canadian Forces, *for the most conspicuous bravery, a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.* Theoretically, Canada does not have to be at war for someone to be awarded any of the three military valour decorations. Originally *Enemy* was to be interpreted broadly enough to include acts of bravery in the face of hostile forces encountered during international peacekeeping missions. However, for political reasons, *enemy* is interpreted strictly and so this medal

has not been awarded for United Nations operations as there is no *enemy* on peacekeeping or peacemaking missions. The medal may be awarded posthumously.

BAR

A plain bronze bar, ornamented with laurel leaves, is awarded for additional acts of bravery warranting the Victoria Cross.

DESCRIPTION

A bronze straight-armed cross pattée, 38-mm across, with raised edges. It is made from the cannons captured from the Russians in the Crimean War.

OBVERSE

The Royal Crown adorns the centre of the cross, surmounted by a lion guardant. Below the crown is a scroll bearing the inscription: PRO VALORE (Latin meaning For Valour).

REVERSE

The reverse has raised edges with date of the act engraved within a raised circle.

MOUNTING

The cross is suspended from a straight bar (ornamented with laurels), slotted for the ribbon with a V-lug below. A small link joins the V-lug to a semi-circular lug on the top of the cross. The rank, name and unit of the recipient are engraved on the back of the bar.

RIBBON

The crimson ribbon is 38-mm wide. In undress, a miniature cross is worn on the ribbon.

NAMING

The rank, name, and regiment are engraved on the reverse of the mounting bar and the date of the incident on the back of the medal.

DATE

The effective date of the medal was 01 January 1993, and announced in the House of Commons on 23 February 1993. It was unveiled at Rideau Hall on 16 May 2008.

ISSUED

None to May 2022

The Australian Army has four Victoria Cross recipients for Afghanistan, The British Army two and the New Zealand Army one.

Canada, after 10 years of war, zero.

NOTES :

This medal is identical to the British medal, even being manufactured by the same company from the cannons captured from the Russians in the Crimean War, but with the words PRO VALORE replacing the words FOR VALOUR on the British medal.

The medal may be awarded in two ways. First, a person can be recommended by the six-person Military Valour Decoration Advisory Committee, made up of one person appointed by the Governor-General and five Canadian Forces members appointed by the Chief of the Defence Staff. Second, a medal can be granted by a Canadian Forces officer holding a field command, subject to the approval of the Governor-General.

However, it will never be awarded. Somebody in government doesn't want to give this medal out and so after 10 years of war in Afghanistan, no Canadian Forces member was deemed worthy of receiving this award - British, New Zealand and Australian soldiers were but not Canadians!!! Go Figure. ¹



¹ Government House Photo

**STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR
SMV**

TERMS

The Star may be awarded to members of the Canadian Forces, or a member of an allied armed force that is serving with, or in conjunction with, the Canadian Forces, *for distinguished and valiant service in the presence of the enemy*. The medal may be awarded posthumously and all citations will be published in the *Canada Gazette*.

BAR

A plain gold bar with a maple leaf in the centre is awarded for additional acts of distinguished and valiant service in the presence of the enemy.



DESCRIPTION

A gold star of four points (38-mm across), with a maple leaf in each of the angles.

OBVERSE

A gold maple leaf on a sanguine (red) disc surrounded by a silver wreath of laurel.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher and Crown and the inscription PRO VALORE. The rank and name of the recipient will be engraved below.

MOUNTING

A small ball on the top point has a large ring attached through which the ribbon passes.

NAMING

The rank and name engraved on the reverse below the words PRO VALORE.



RIBBON

The crimson ribbon is 32-mm wide, with a white stripe (4-mm wide), 2-mm from each edge. In undress, a gold maple leaf is worn on the ribbon and if a bar is awarded, two gold maple leaves are worn.

DATE

The effective date was 01 January 1993.
Star of Military Valour first awarded on 27 October 2006.

ISSUED

23 to January 2022 including 1 posthumously & 6 not gazetted

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PHOTOS



² Sergeant Patrick Tower, SMV, CD Master Warrant Officer Richard Stacey, SMV, CD Master Warrant Officer William Macdonald, SMV, CD
Major (now Lieutenant-Colonel William Fletcher, SMV, CD Master Warrant David Schultz, SMV, CD Major Jonathan Quick, SMV, CD

STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR (SMV)

CG DATE	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
29/11/08	BALL, James	Corporal	1 PPCLI Mentor Afghan Army	SMV
18/09/12a	BELZIL, Jean-François Roger Donald	Corporal	R22eR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
13/08/11	CHASSÉ-JEAN, Gabriel	Lieutenant	R22eR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
06/06/15	COURVILLE, Sébastien	Sergeant	Provincial Response Company	SMV CD
24/02/07	FLETCHER, William Hilton	Major	1 PPCLI Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV CD
23/06/07	LAROCHELLE, Jess Randall	Private	1 RCR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
29/11/08	MacDONALD, William Kenneth	Sergeant	1 PPCLI Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
03/07/10	PINCHIN, Jeremy	Corporal	RCR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV CD
19/04/08	QUICK, David Nelson	Major	RCR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV CD
06/06/15	RATZLAFF, Thomas	Sr. CPO	US Navy Seals – Afghanistan	SMV (KIA)
08/12/12	ST-HILAIRE, Taumy	Private	R22eR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
29/11/08	SNYDER, Jonathan	Captain	1 PPCLI Mentor Afghan Army	SMV (Post)
27/03/10	SHULTZ, David George	WO	Afghanistan – Reconstruction Team	MMM SMV CD
13/08/11	STACEY, Richard	MWO	LSH (RC) Afghanistan	MMM SMV CD
06/06/15	SUFFOLETTA, David Umberto Mario	Captain	Provincial Response Company	SMV MSC CD
23/06/07	TEAL, Sean	Corporal	1 RCR Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV
24/02/07	TOWER, Patrick	Sergeant	1 PPLCI Battle Group Afghanistan	SMV CD
13/08/11a	THREE (3) Name Not Announced	No Ranks	Afghanistan – CANSOFCOM	SMV
22/06/13	TWO (2) Name Not Announced	No Ranks	Afghanistan – CANSOFCOM / CDI	SMV
31/12/21h	ONE (1) Name Not Announced	No Rank	CANSOFCOM	SMV

23 (6 not gazetted by name)

18/09/12a is a Government House date as the award has never been published in the Canada Gazette

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³ Sergeant Patrick Tower, 1 PPCLI Joint Task Force Afghanistan

MEDAL OF MILITARY VALOUR

MMV

TERMS



Awarded to members of the Canadian Forces, or a member of an allied armed force that is serving with, or in conjunction with, the Canadian Forces, *for an act of valour or devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.* The medal may be awarded posthumously.

BAR

A plain gold bar with a maple leaf in the centre is awarded for a subsequent award of the medal.

DESCRIPTION

A circular, gold medal, 38-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

A large maple leaf surrounded by a wreath of laurel.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher (large) and Crown and the inscription: PRO VALORE along the lower edge.

MOUNTING

A Fleur de lis attached to the top of the medal and to the bottom of a straight, slotted bar through which the ribbon passes.

NAMING

The rank and name of the recipient are engraved on the edge.

RIBBON

The crimson ribbon is 32-mm wide, with three white stripes (3-mm wide), one in the centre and another 2-mm from each edge. A gold maple leaf is worn on the ribbon in undress and if a bar is awarded, two gold maple leaves are worn.

DATE

The effective date was 01 January 1993.

First awarded on 27 October 2006. (13 years from being instituted and being awarded and only after 6 years of being at war)

(And only because General Hillier and Lieutenant-General Leslie insisted they be awarded)

ISSUED

90 to June 2025

Including

2 to the US Army

1 Posthumously

6 not gazetted for security reasons

Note: The Governor General's web site only shows 84 as the 5 awards which were not gazetted are not included in GG site



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⁴ Top Row: Captain Ashley Collette, MMV – Master Corporal Michael Trauner, MMV, CD, 3 RCR – Warrant Officer Dale Verge, MMV, CD
- Sergeant Martin Coté, MMV, CD – Corporal Brian Belanger, MMV, RCAF (Medical Assistant)

Bottom: Major Michael Wright, MMV, MSM, CD, 1 PPCLI – Private Shane Dolmovic, MMV, 2 RCR – Captain Joseph Tremblay, MMV, CD, R22eR

MEDAL of MILITARY VALOUR (MMV)

CG DATE	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
29/11/08	ABBOUD, Joseph Antoine Dave	Major	R22eR JTF Afghanistan	MSC MMV CD
03/07/10	ANDERSON, Richard L.	Corporal	3 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
29/11/08	BAKER, Cary	Corporal	Mentors Afghan Army	MMV
29/11/08	BANCARZ, Steven	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	BEAULIEU, Michel	Corporal	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV
06/20/12a	BÉLANGER, Brian	Corporal	Medical Assistant Afghanistan	MMV
13/08/11	BÉRUBÉ, T. Denis	Sergeant	R22eR Battle Group Afghan RCA	MMV CD
19/07/08	BORDELEAU, Joseph Maurice Jocelyn	Captain	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
27/03/10	BURSEY, Michael C.J.	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan June 2008	MMV
11/02/12	CARON, Guillaume Frédéric	Lieutenant	OMLT JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
11/02/12	CASEY, Bradley D.	Corporal	Treat Afghan National Soldier	MMV
23/06/07	CHEVREFILS, Chad Gerald	Corporal	'A' Company 1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
04/08/12	COLLETTE, Ashley	Captain	JTF Afghanistan	MMV
27/03/10	CÔTÉ, Martin Joseph Jean	Sergeant	JTF Afghanistan June 2008	MMV CD
18/09/12a	COUSINEAU, Marc-André	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan R22eR?	MMV
27/03/10	CRANE, Robin John	WO	JTF Afghanistan Aug 2008	MMV CD (MID)
24/02/07	DENINE, Michael Thomas Victor	Sergeant	1 PPCLI Afghanistan	MMV CD
29/11/08	DION, Alexandre Benjamin Jonathan	Corporal	R22eR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	DODIER, Yan	Corporal	'B' Company R22eR Afghanistan	MMV
19/04/08	DOLMOVIC, Shane Aaron Bradley	Private	Recon 2 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	DUBOIS, Éric	M/Cpl	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV
27/03/10	EJDRYGIEWICZ, Mark C.W.	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan Sept 2008	MMV
26/01/08	FAWCETT, Derek John Scott	Sergeant	'C' Company 1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV CD
11/02/12	FIELDING, William Todd	Captain	Captain Chinook down Afghan	MMV CD
24/02/07	FITZGERALD, Collin Ryan	M/Cpl	1 PPLCI Afghanistan	MMV
13/08/11	FRIGON, Simon	M/Cpl	R22eR Battle Group Afghan	MMV
23/06/07	FUNNELL, Jason	Corporal	'C' Company 1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
27/03/10	GALLANT, Brent W.L.	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan June 2008	MMV
19/04/08	GIONET, Dave	Cpl	Recon 2 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	GIRARD, Stéphane	Sergeant	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
19/07/08	GONNEVILLE, Joseph Yves Léon	WO	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
27/03/10	GREGOIRE, Russell J.R.	Sergeant	JTF Afghanistan June 2008	MMV
19/07/08	GRENIER, Joseph Jacques Stéphane	WO	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
To the US ARMY				
04/08/12	GRAVES, David Fletcher	Specialist	US Army 71st Cavalry Afghanistan	MMV
04/08/12	HEVER, Adam	Staff Sgt	US Army 71st Cavalry Afghanistan	MMV

06/20/12a and 18/09/12a are Government House dates – these awards have never been gazetted.

MEDAL of MILITARY VALOUR (MMV)

CG DATE	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
29/11/08	HARDING, Christopher Lorne	M/Cpl	R22eR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
11/02/12	HARRIS, Tony Rodney Vance	Private	1 st Air US Soldiers from Mortars	MMV
11/02/12	HOLMES, Adam	M/Bombardier	4 Days Combat Afghanistan RCA	MMV
29/11/08	HOPKIN, Tod	WO	R22eR JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
19/07/08	ISABELLE, Joseph Mario Sylvain	WO	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
18/12/10	JACKSON, Michael William	WO	JTF Afghanistan August 2006	MMV CD
27/03/10	KAPITANIUK, Jason William	Sergeant	JTF Afghanistan June 2008	MMV
29/11/08	KELLER, Bryce	Corporal	R22eR JTF Afghanistan	MMV (Post)
19/04/08	KILLAM, Gerald Alexander	M/Cpl	Recon 2RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
27/03/10	KOCHAN, Jordan E.	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan Sept 2008	MMV
24/02/07	LAMONT, Jason Carl Allan	Private	1 PPCLI Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	LAPOINTE, Michel Louis	Major	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV MSM CD
18/12/10	LEBLANC, Jeremy Joseph James	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan	MMV
11/02/12	MacKILLOP, Michael A.	Captain	Cdr Recon Platoon	MMV CD
03/07/10	McLAREN, Mark Robert	Corporal	3 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV Deceased
24/02/07	MAKELA, John David	Corporal	1 PPCLI JTF Afghanistan	MMV
13/08/11	MERCIER, Joseph Martin Stéphane	Sergeant	R22eR Battle Group Afghan	MMV CD
13/08/11	MICHAUD, Pier-Vincent	LS	R22eR Battle Group Afghan	MMV
11/02/12	MIKKELSON, Gilles-Remi	M/Cpl	Treat Afghan National Soldier	MMV
11/02/12	MILLAR, Philip	Private	Aid to US Soldier under fire Afghan	MMV
11/02/12	MITCHELL, Paul Douglas	M/Cpl	Firefight in Afghanistan	MMV
04/08/12	MONNIN, Eric.	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	MORLEY, Edward R.G.	Corporal	Lord Strath Horse JTF Afghanistan	MMV
18/12/10	MUNROE, Paul Alexander	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
27/03/10	MYRONIUK, Tyler Brian	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan Aug 2008	MMV
11/02/12	NELSON, John	Private	Aid to Cdn Soldier under fire Afghan	MMV
23/06/07	NIEFER, Sean Hubert	M/Cpl	1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
23/06/07	O'ROURKE, Michael Patrick	Private	1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
03/07/10	O'TOOLE, Joshua	Corporal	3 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
23/06/07	ORR, Clinton John	Corporal	23 Field Sqd 1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV

MEDAL of MILITARY VALOUR (MMV)

CG DATE	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
29/11/08	PEEL, Robert	Captain	Cdn Scottish JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
19/07/08	POELZER, Erik	Corporal	Lord Strath Horse JTF Afghanistan	MMV
18/09/12a	POULIN, Joseph André	Sergeant	JTF Afghanistan Feb 2011	MMV CD
24/02/07	PROHAR, Derek	Captain	Liaison US Special Forces	MMV MSM
27/03/10	RACHYNSKI, Paul D.	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan May 2008	MMV
13/08/11	RANGER, Joseph Denis François	WO	Mentor JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
23/06/07	REEKIE, Michael John	Captain	1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
19/04/09	RENAUD, Jay James	Private	Recon 2 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
27/03/10	ROTONDI, Anthony J.R.	Corporal	JTF Afghanistan May 2008	MMV
11/02/12	ROUSSEAU, Marc-André J.M	M/Cpl	Defence Kandahar Airfield	MMV
23/06/07	RUFFOLO, Joseph Jason Lee	Corporal	1 RCR Afghanistan	MMV
04/08/12	ST-PIERRE, Charles	M/Cpl	JTF Afghanistan	MMV
03/07/10	TEDFORD, David Richard	M/Cpl	3 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV CD
03/07/10	TRAUNER, Michael	M/Cpl	3 RCR JTF Afghanistan	MMV
19/07/08	TREMBLAY, Joseph Hughes Stéphane	Captain	R22eR Afghanistan	MMV CD
18/09/12a	TREMBLAY, Marco	Corporal	R22eR Afghanistan May 2011	MMV
27/03/10	VERGE, Dale Milton	WO	JTF Afghanistan March 2008	MMV CD
11/02/12	VERRIER, Graham Marc	Sergeant	Counterattack in Afghanistan	MMV CD
24/02/07	WRIGHT, Michael Charles	Major	1 PPCLI OC 'A' Co Afghanistan	MMV MSM CD
28/06/07a	Two Names not announced (2)	No Rank	JTF-2 Afghanistan	MMV
11/03/11a	Two Names not announced (2)	No Rank	JTF-2 Afghanistan	MMV
22/06/13	One Name not announced (2)	No Rank	CANSOFCOM or CDI	MMV
31/12/21h	One Name not announced (1)	No Rank	CANSOFCOM	MMV

'a' after a date means not announced in Canada Gazette and are Government House dates

'h' after a date means announced in the Annual Honours and Recognition Book produced by the Canadian Forces

Names not announced are members of The CANSOFCOM or CDI whose identities cannot be released as it may put them and their families in danger.

Medals & photos of Master Corporal Michael Trauner, MMV



CANADIAN BRAVERY DECORATIONS

CROSS OF VALOUR

CV

TERMS

The Cross of Valour is awarded only *for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril*. Posthumous awards may be made. All Canadian citizens, both civilians and members of the Canadian Forces, are eligible for this award. Persons who are not Canadian citizens may receive this award if they perform an act of bravery in Canada, or perform an act of bravery outside of Canada that merits recognition by Canada as an act in the interest of Canada.



BAR

A gold maple leaf would be worn on the larger ring for a second act of bravery which would have merited the award of the medal. No bars have been issued as of January 2013, although two recipients have been awarded other Canadian Bravery Decorations.

DESCRIPTION

A gold cross of four equal limbs, enamelled red and edged in 18-karat gold, 50-mm wide.

OBVERSE

There is a gold maple leaf in the centre, surrounded by a gold wreath of laurel.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher surmounted by the Royal Crown appear in the upper arm. The words: VALOUR VAILLANCE are below the cypher and extend along the upper edge of two lateral arms. The recipient's name and date of the incident are engraved below these words.

MOUNTING

The ribbon passes through a large broad gold ring which is linked by a small ring to a gold ball on the top of the cross. The medal is worn around the neck by a man and may be worn from a bow on the left shoulder by a woman.

RIBBON

The light crimson (red) ribbon is 38-mm wide. A miniature cross is worn on the ribbon in undress. A bar would be signified by the wearing of two crosses.

DATE

Established 01 May 1972 to replace the Order of Canada's Medal of Courage and first awarded 20 July 1972.

NAMING

The name of the recipient and the date of the incident are engraved on the reverse.

ISSUED

There have been **21 awarded**, of which 6 were posthumous (* below) To 01 June 2025.

With the award to Mr. Patrick L'Abbée CHOUINARD, CV, there have been 2 awarded in the 21st Century (Palmer the other) and 6 in the last 35 years (2 in the last 23 years).

RECIPIENTS

BISHOP, Mr Kenneth	CV	Civilian
CHEVERIE, Constable David Gordon	CV, SC	Charlottetown Police
CHOUINARD, Patrick L'Abbée *	CV	Civilian
DOHEY, Miss Mary	CV	Air Canada
FADER, Mr Douglas	CV	Helicopter Passenger
FUDGE, Mr Lester	CV	Fisherman
GARRAMONE, Corporal Amedeo	CV, CD	CF - civilian act
HYNES, Mr Thomas *	CV	Civilian
JALBERT, Major Rene Marc	CV, CD	Quebec Parliament
LANG, Mrs Anna	CV	Civilian
LANGELIER, Mr Gaston	CV	Correctional Officer
MacLEAN, Mr John Wendell *	CV	Civilian
MILLER, Mr Harold	CV, MB	Fisherman
MITCHELL, M/Cpl Keith Paul	CV, MSM, CD	CF - SAR Tech
PALMER, First Officer Leslie Arthur	CV	Coast Guard
PARTANEN, CWO Vaino *	CV, CD	CF - HMCS Kootenay
PIERCE, M/Cpl Bryan Keith	CV, MMM, MSC, CD	CF - SAR Tech
SCEVIOUR, Mr Martin	CV	Fisherman
STRINGER, Sergeant Lewis John *	CV, CD	CF - HMCS Kootenay
SWEDBERG, Mrs Jean *	CV	Civilian
TEATHER, Corporal Robert G.	CV	RCMP - Diving Team

Posthumous - *

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PHOTOS 5



⁵ MWO Keith Paul Mitchell, CV, MSC, CD, RCAF SAR TECH (2 photos) and MWO Bryan Keith Pierce, CV, MMM, MSM, CD, RCAF SAR TECH
Bottom: First Officer Leslie Palmer, CV, Canadian Coast Guard (only award this century)
Corporal Robert Teather, CV, RCMP

**STAR OF COURAGE or L'ETOILE DU COURAGE
SC / EC**

TERMS



The Star of Courage is awarded only *for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril*. The medal may be awarded posthumously. All Canadian citizens (and foreign persons as described for the Cross of Valour) are eligible for the award of the Star of Courage. Because the Star of Courage does not give the same initials in English and French, the post-nominal letters SC for Anglophones and EC for Francophone recipients are used.

BAR

A gold bar with a gold maple leaf in the centre is awarded for subsequent acts of courage.
To September 2017, there have been **no bars awarded**.

DESCRIPTION

A silver star of four points with a maple leaf in each of the angles. The star is 44-mm across.

OBVERSE

In the centre, a gold maple leaf is surrounded by a gold laurel wreath.

REVERSE

In the upper arm, a crown with the Royal Cypher below (EIIR) and below that, the word **COURAGE**. The recipient's name and date of the incident are engraved below the word COURAGE.

MOUNTING

A small ball on the top point has a large ring attached through which the ribbon passes. The medal is worn on the left breast by men or may be worn from a bow on the left shoulder by women.

RIBBON

The light crimson (red) ribbon is 32-mm wide with two blue stripes, 5-mm wide and 3-mm from each edge. A gold maple leaf is worn on the ribbon in undress if a bar is awarded.

DATES

The award was established on 01 May 1972 and first awarded on 20 July 1972.

ISSUED

474 Stars (including 98 posthumously) to 08 February 2025 Canada Gazette
- Including one to the US Coast Guard and one to the Royal Navy
- No bars
- 6 of the last 11 medals awarded since 2020 have been posthumous!

INTERNET

Citations to the Star of Courage can be found on the Governor General's website: www.gg.ca

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⁶ Top: Casey Pierce, SC – MGen (HCol) Alaine Forand, CMM, OSTJ, SC, MSC, CD – Sergeant Laurier Roland CADIEUX, SC, RCMP
– Sergeant Bryan Wood, SC, MB, Port Hope Police Service
Bottom: Master Corporal Robin Richardson, SC, CD, RCAF SAR TECH
Sergeant (now Constable) Randal McOrmond, SC, CD
Ms. Nicole Louise Foran, SC Ms Tianah Auger, SC
(former RCAF SAR Tech)

MEDAL OF BRAVERY
MB

TERMS



The Medal of Bravery is awarded only *for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstance*. The medal may be awarded posthumously. All Canadian citizens, both civilians and members of the Canadian Forces, are eligible for the award of the Medal of Bravery. Persons who are not Canadian citizens may receive the award as described for the Cross of Valour.

BAR

A silver bar with a silver maple leaf in the centre is awarded for subsequent acts of bravery that would earn the award of the medal.

DESCRIPTION

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

There is a large maple leaf in the centre surrounded by a wreath of laurel.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher (EIIR) is in the centre with a crown above it. Around the edge on the left is the word BRAVERY and on the right the word BRAVOURE with a small flower separating the two words at the base.

MOUNTING

A *fleur de lis* is attached to the top of the medal and to the bottom of a straight, slotted bar, through which the ribbon is passed. The medal is worn on the left breast by men or may be worn from a bow on the left shoulder by women.

RIBBON

The light crimson (red) ribbon is 32-mm wide with three blue stripes, (3-mm each), one in the middle and another 2-mm from each edge. A silver maple leaf is worn on the ribbon in undress if a bar is awarded.

DATES

The award was established on 01 May 1972 and first awarded on 20 July 1972.

ISSUED

There have been **3,996** plus **18** bars - to **Canada Gazette of 08 February 2025**

Total includes **3** not Gazetted for security reasons

Total includes **109** posthumous awards and **8** deceased

Current to **CG 08 February 2025**

- 1 with the Cross of Valour
- 9 with the Star of Courage
- 2 with the Meritorious Service Cross
- 8 with the Meritorious Service Medal
- 18 with the MMM
- 2 with the OMM
- 1 with the CMM
- 6 American Civilians
- 4 US Coast Guard
- 3 US Army
- 2 US Naval Reserve
- 1 USAF
- 1 British Army
- 1 German Air Force

186 were awarded to the draegermen and barefaced miners for the rescue efforts at the Westray Coal Mine (these were never gazetted but are included in the total - names were announced by Government House).

NONE ISSUED in 2021 first award then was in MAY 2022

EXAMPLES

Member of the Order of Police Merit (MOM) & Medal of Bravery (MB)

Constable Dwight William ROBINSON	MOM MB	RCMP
Detective Sergeant Benoit VIGEANT	MOM MB	Ville de Montréal Police Service
Superintendent Konrad Lionel SHOURIE	MOM MB	RCMP Ottawa

CROSS of VALOUR (CV) and MEDAL of BRAVERY (MB)

Mr. Harold MILLER	CV MB	Fisherman
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STAR of COURAGE (SC) and MEDAL of BRAVERY (MB)

Master Cpl Joseph Carl Steeve BÉDARD	SC MB CD	Canadian Forces
Mr Franklyn Patrick FRASER	SC MB	Civilian
Constable Michael William JOY	SC MB	Hamilton Wentworth Police
Sergeant Norman Ewen PENNY	MMM SC MB CD	Canadian Forces - SAR TECH
Sergeant Kenneth James POWER	SC MB CD	Canadian Forces - SAR TECH
Corporal Craig Douglas SEAGER	SC MB CD	Canadian Forces - SAR TECH
Sergeant Darcy ST. LAURENT	MMM SC MB CD	Canadian Forces - SAR TECH
Sergeant Bryant WOOD	SC MB	Port Hope Police Service
M/Cpl Daniel Joseph Gilles VILLENEUVE	SC MB CD	Canadian Forces - SAR TECH

MEDAL of BRAVERY and BAR

Constable James ADAMSON	MB & Bar	Toronto Metro Police
Constable Melbourne James BIRMINGHAM	MB & Bar	Cape Breton Regional Police
Mr. Dale BRADY	MB & Bar	Helicopter Pilot - SAR
Constable Shaun Nichols	MB & Bar	RCMP Tuktoyaktuk
Constable James Arthur ELVISH	MB & Bar	Thunder Bay Police Service
Constable Shaun de GRANDPRÉ	MB & Bar	RCMP Tuktoyaktuk
Mr. John HALL	MB & Bar	Helicopter Pilot
Constable Thomas Richard HANSEN	MB & Bar	RCMP
Sergeant Joseph André HOTTON	MB & Bar	Canadian Forces SAR TECH
Constable Michael Hamilton JOHNSTON	MB & Bar	Victoria Police Department
Constable Stephen KNIGHT	MB & Bar	Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
Master Corporal Dale M. KURDZIEL	MB & Bar	RC Engineers (1 Military/1 Civil)
Sergeant Bernard Wayne MacDONALD	MB & Bar	Cape Breton Regional Police
Constable Patrick Aloysius McBRIDE	MB & Bar	Matsqui Police
Lieutenant Marcel MAILLOUX	MB & Bar	Montreal Harbour Police
Constable George Edward MAKOWSKI	MB & Bar	CF and RCMP
Master Seaman Charles Stanley WINSOR	MB & Bar	Canadian Forces (Navy)

Member of the Order of Police Merit and Medal of Bravery

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7 Angela Stirk MB Danielle Elyse Walker MB Kimberly Friesen MB Gillian McAuley MB Jewel Denison MB
 Sergeant Bryant Wood, SC, MB, Port Hope Police Service Mrs. Geneviève Bergeron Collin MB
 - Sergeant Dave McLaren, MB, RCMP - Sergeant Remple, MB, RCMP
 - Constable Alaine Rochette, MB, Ottawa Police

MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS

MILITARY Division and CIVILIAN Division
MSC

TERMS

Military Division

The Cross may be awarded to a member of the Canadian Forces (or a member of a foreign military force) *for the performance, on or after 11 June 1984, of a military deed or activity in an outstandingly professional manner, according to a rare high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the Canadian Forces.*

BAR

A silver bar having a maple leaf in the Centre is awarded to recipients who hold the Medal and perform further activities that would have warranted award of the medal. Three military bars awarded to January 2013.



TERMS

Civil Division

The Cross *recognizes a deed or an activity that has been performed in an outstandingly professional manner, or with uncommonly high standards; the activity is often innovative, sets an example for others to follow, improves the quality of life of a community and brings considerable benefit or honour to Canada.*

Civil Division takes precedence over Military Division

BAR

A silver bar having a maple leaf in the Centre is awarded to recipients who hold the Medal and perform further activities that would have warranted award of the medal. One civil bar awarded to January 2013.



DESCRIPTION (OBVERSE)

A silver Greek cross, 38-mm across, with convex arms splayed at the ends. The cross is surmounted with the Royal Crown which forms part of the mounting. Between the arms of the cross is a laurel wreath. The middle of the cross is covered with a circular disc with its edges raised and which a maple leaf is centred.

REVERSE

The arms of the cross extend beyond two concentric circles which form the middle of the medal. The Royal Cypher (EIIR) appears in the innermost circle with the words **MERITORIOUS SERVICE MERITOIRE** between the inner and outer circles. The words MERITORIOUS and MERITOIRE are separated by a maple leaf at the bottom.

MOUNTING

A straight (slotted) silver bar, through which the ribbon passes, is attached to the top point of the crown.

RIBBON

Military A bright blue ribbon, 32-mm wide, with two white stripes (6-mm wide), centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon.

Civil The same as the military but with a central white stripe (1-mm wide) added.

DATES

The Meritorious Service Cross (Military) was established on 11 June 1984 and expanded for awarding to Civilians by Letters Patent of the Privy Council of Canada 1991-1060 on 06 June 1991 with awards being retroactive to 11 June 1984.

ISSUED

Military Division: 234 to Canadian Forces members (14 which are not gazetted)
3 posthumous awards (included in total to CF above)
7 Bars to Canadian Forces members
45 to Foreign Military Officers
To **CanForGen 01 February 2023 and Honours & Recognition Book 2022**

Civil Division: 252 total to Canadians includes posthumous
12 posthumous awards (included in total above) + 1 died
2 to Foreigners (0 Posthumous)
To **2024**

Old citations are found on the Governor General's website:
www.gg.ca

Or on my website at www.blatherwick.net

Meritorious Service Cross Photos

Colonel David Shayne ELDER, MSC, AM

A native of Australia, Colonel Elder joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2011 after 26 years of service in the Australian Army, where he retired in the rank of brigadier after commanding the 16th Aviation Brigade (Australian Army Aviation). It was announced on 26 January 2011 that Brigadier David Shayne Elder had been made a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** in the military division "For exceptional service as the Commander 16th Aviation Brigade and to Australian Army Aviation". Brigadier Shayne Elder served four years as the Deputy Commander and then Commander of 16 Aviation Brigade. During this time Brigadier Elder reinforced the warfighting ethos of the modern combat Army aviator.

Colonel Shayne Elder became Commander of **Canada's Air Task Force-Iraq (ATF-I)** on 19 October 2015. In this role, Colonel Elder led the task force through the successful execution of bringing the CF-18 Hornet operations to a halt against the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL). He also led his team in CP-140 Aurora intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions, and in CC-150 Polaris refueling operations. On 08 April 2016, Colonel Jason Major assumed command of Air Task Force-Iraq (ATF-I) from Colonel Elder in a change of command ceremony held in the sandy and windy Camp Canada in Kuwait, home of Joint Task Force-Iraq, the higher headquarters of ATF-I. Colonel Elder received the Canadian Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) and Operational Service Medal with Expeditionary ribbon.

Colonel Shayne Elder succeeded Colonel Kelvin Truss as the Commander of the **Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre (CFAWC)** during a change of command ceremony on 21 June 2017 at 8 Wing (Canadian Forces Base Trenton), Ontario, where CFAWC is located.

Medals: MSC - Operational Service Medal with Expeditionary Ribbon - Order of Australia (AM) - Australia Active Service medal 1971 - 1991 - Australia Iraq medal (2004) - Australia Service medal - Australia National medal (2011) - Australia Defence medal - UNTSO (2 for 2nd tour) - USA Meritorious Service medal.





From the Canada Gazette of 07 May 2005 until the Canada Gazette of 27 July 2013, the Civil version of the MSC was "under review". Chris Hadfield was awarded an MSC (civil) in 2013 - he already had the MSC (military) and then Clara Hughes, Sarah Burke and Colette Roy Laroche received the medal in 2015. No announcement was made that the medal was now available or what the review had shown but 25 Crosses were awarded in January 2015. Eight and a half years of review to get one medal out!

⁸ Shae-Lynn Bourne, MSC
 Elvis Stojko, MSC, MSM
 LGen Andrew Leslie, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Kenneth Mooney, MSC, CD
 Silken Laumann, MSC
 General Walter Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD

Robert Thirsk, OC, MSC
 Daniele Sauvageau, OC, MSC
 Lieutenant-General Charles Bouchard, OC, CMM, MSC, CD

Dr. James Orbinsky, OC, OOnt, MSC
 Sylvie Fr chet,te, MSC
 CWO Giovanni Moretti, MMM, MSC, CD

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military and Civil Divisions)
MSM

TERMS

Military Division

The medal may be awarded to a member of the Canadian Forces (or of a foreign military force) *for the performance, on or after 11 June 1984, of a military deed or activity in a highly professional manner according to a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces.*

Civil Division

The medal may be awarded to any person (Canadian or non-Canadian) on or after 11 June 1984, *to recognizes a deed or an activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner, or according to a very high standard: often innovative, this deed or activity sets an example for others to follow, improves the quality of life of a community and brings benefit or honour to Canada.*

(Civil MSM takes precedence over a military MSM)



BAR

A silver bar having a maple leaf in the centre is awarded to for further activities that would have earned the medal. One bar has been awarded to February 2009 (Mr. Richard Weber).

DESCRIPTION (OBVERSE)

A circular silver medal, 38-mm in diameter, ensigned with the Royal Crown. The MSC cross with the maple leaf in the centre is surmounted on the circular silver medallion.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher (EIIR) is in the centre, and within a double circle are the words MERITORIOUS SERVICE MERITOIRE with a maple leaf at the bottom separating the words Meritorious and Meritoire.

MOUNTING

A straight slotted silver bar is attached to the top point of the crown on the medal.

RIBBON

Military A bright blue ribbon (32-mm wide) with two white stripes (6-mm wide) centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon. A bright blue stripe (1-mm wide) runs down the middle of each white stripe). The white/blue/white stripes are centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon.

Civil The same as the military ribbon with a central white stripe (1-mm wide) added.

DATES

The Meritorious Service Medal (Military and Civil) was created by Letters Patent of the Privy Council of Canada 1991-1060 on 6 June 1991 and with awards being retroactive to 11 June 1984.

ISSUED Correct to December 2024

Military Division:

1,017 Canadian Forces Members including those not gazetted
65 of names were Not Gazetted for Security Reasons
7 of them the total were Posthumous and are included
Plus: 42 1st bars (2 of which were not gazetted)
2 2nd Bar

Plus: 78 to Foreign Military Members
Plus: 1 bar to a Foreign Military Officer

To December 2024

Civil Division:

887 to Canadians (includes posthumous but not bars)
3 bars
37 posthumous awards and 6 died
53 to Foreign Recipients 2 died **to 01 March 2025**

Elvis Stojko, MSC, MSM is the only person to receive the MSC and MSM in the civil division.

Chantal Petitclerc, CC, CQ, MSM is the only person to receive the CC and MSM in the civil Division (and the CQ).

NOTE: The MSM (civil) also disappeared for almost 10 years. The last MSM (civil) was awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 08 April 2006 and then on 02 January 2016, a list of 78 MSM (civil) appeared in the Canada Gazette. There was no announcements of what the review showed! Curious.

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⁹ Major-General (now Lieutenant-General) Stuart Beare, CMM, MSM, CD
 Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Voyer, OC, CQ, MSM and Warrant Officer Andrew McLean, MSM, CD
 Karen Lee-Gartner, OBC, MSM – Chantal Petitclerc, CC, CQ, MSM – 2nd an elegant photo of Chantal Petitclerc – Kathleen Heddle, OBC, MSM
 – Kathleen Heddle with Marnie McBean, MSM
 Bottom: Canadian Astronaut Steve Mclean, MSM – Russian goalie Vladislav Tretiak, MSM – Bard on the Beach Christopher Gaze, OBC, MSM

SACRIFICE MEDAL

SACRIFICE MEDAL

TERMS



The Sacrifice Medal was created to recognize a member of the Canadian Forces, a member of an allied force, or a Canadian civilian under the authority of the Canadian Forces who, as of 07 October 2001, die as a result of military service (hostile action removed in 2009) or are wounded by hostile action. This honour replaces the Wound Stripe. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is included in the injuries and any wound serious enough to be treated by a medical officer and is recorded.

BAR

A silver bar in silver with raised edges with a centered, single silver maple leaf overall. A bar is awarded for further occasions which would have warranted award of the Medal.

DESCRIPTION

A circular silver medal, 36-mm in diameter, which is ensigned with the Royal Crown. The Medal is made of Sterling Silver and lacquered to prevent tarnishing. It is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint.

OBVERSE

The contemporary effigy of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, facing right, wearing a Canadian diadem composed alternately of maple leaves and snowflakes, and circumscribed with the inscriptions "ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA" and "CANADA", separated by small maple leaves. The small maple leaves broke with the tradition of using British symbols with the addition of the word Canada a change Mr. Rob Watt, Canadian Herald, championed.

REVERSE

A representation of the statue named "Canada" that forms part of the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, facing right and overlooking the horizon. The inscription "SACRIFICE" appears just below the centre in the lower right half of the Medal.

MOUNTING

A claw at the top of the medal in the form of the Royal Crown, and attached to a straight slotted bar.

RIBBON

A watered ribbon 32-mm in width, with a 10-mm black stripe in the middle that is flanked by 11-mm red stripes, on which are centered 1-mm white stripes.

DATES

Announced by the Governor General on 29 August 2008 and awarded to persons who served after 07 October 2001. The first awards were made on 11 November 2009.

NAMING

The Medal shall be engraved on the edge with the service number, rank, forename initials and surname of any military recipient or with the forenames and surname of any civilian recipient.

EXAMPLE

Sergeant Lance Thomas Hooper, MSM, CD, received the Sacrifice Medal and bar on 09 November 2009 at Rideau Hall.



WEARING

The Medal shall be worn following the Royal Victorian Medal (R.V.M.) and before the Gulf and Kuwait Medal in the order of precedence of the Canadian Honours System.

ISSUED

1237 medals and 18 bars to January 2025

2009 - 485 (14 bars)
2010 - 108 (2 bars)
2011 - 283 (1 bar)
2012 - 76
2013 - 51
2014 - 0
2015 - 41
2016 - 70 (1 bar)
2017 - 51
2018 - 26
2019 - 0
2020 - 14
2021 - 55
2022 - 95
2023 - 86
2024 - 59

46 Medals were presented at the inaugural ceremony on 09 November 2009 at Rideau Hall. 21 of these medals were Posthumous. 468 Medals were distributed to Commands for presentation at the unit level in November 2009. ¹⁰

¹⁰ **NOTE**

This medal has had a chequered career. It was first planned for introduction on 11 November 2007 and was withdrawn as the design was felt to look too much like the American Purple Heart. It was redesigned and due to be released in 2008 but several families of persons who had died prior to October 2001 wondered why their sons were not eligible and several families of persons killed in an the active theatre (Afghanistan) but not by hostile action (e.g. roll over of a vehicle) wondered why their sons were not eligible. At least 11 soldiers killed in Afghanistan are not eligible for the new medal because their death did not occur as a result of hostile fire or from a bomb. The Governor General asked for another look at the criteria and it was decided that all injuries as a result of military service would qualify for the medal not just those in direct combat.

POSTNOMINALS

The use of post-nominal letters is not authorized.

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Master Corporal Mitic, CD

Captain Simon Mailloux
Sergeant Gregory Owen receiving the Sacrifice Medal.

Corporal Bonefant

Sergeant Bedard, CD

VICE-REGAL RECOGNITION BADGE

TERMS

Upon assumption of office, the Lieutenant Governor is presented with two vice-regal Recognition Badges.

DESCRIPTION



The full-sized badge is a star shaped badge measuring six centimetres across, made of sterling silver, enameled in Canada's national colours, red and white, and defaced in the centre with a gold maple leaf surmounted by a Royal Crown. The badge is worn on the left side of a suit, dress or blouse.

The lapel-sized badge measures three centimetres in height and is circular in shape, with red and white enamel, and a single gold maple leaf in the centre surmounted by a Royal Crown. The lapel badge is suitable for less formal functions, and can be worn on the lapel, similar to the way that the Order of Canada and Order of Nova Scotia lapel pins are worn by recipients of those orders.



IG of BC Judith Guichon wearing her pin

DATES

The vice-regal Recognition Badge was established by a vice-regal warrant on 27 January 1999 and the first badges were presented on 3 October 1999 by then Governor General Romeo LeBlanc.

SPOUSE



If a Lieutenant Governor has a spouse, the spouse is entitled to wear a similar badge, the main difference being that the maple leaf in the centre of the full size badge and lapel badge is silver in colour.

BGen, The Honourable John James Grant, CMM, KStJ, ONS, CD wearing his pin.

VICE-REGAL RECOGNITION BADGE

EXAMPLES



The Honourable Myra Freeman The Honourable John Grant
Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia



The Honourable Janet Austin The Honourable Lois Mitchell
Lieutenant-Governors of British Columbia and Alberta